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## **PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD 2011 ANNUAL REVIEW**

- Current Board members are: Michele Thorman, PT, (LaCrosse), Lori Dominiczak, PT, (Brown Deer); Mark Shropshire, PT, (Appleton); Jane Stroede, PTA (Wisconsin Dells). The public member position is currently vacant. Officers in 2011 were Mark Shropshire (Chair), Jane Stroede (Vice Chair) and Michele Thorman (Secretary).
- 2009 Wisconsin Act 149 was signed into law on March 10, 2010, creating an independent Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board. The Board's rules are being updated to ensure the rules reflect the change in Board title.
- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) began fixed date testing for physical therapists who apply to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). July 11, 2011 was the first fixed date NPTE examination. The FSBPT switched from a continuous date testing system to a fixed date system to protect the integrity of the exam to ensure that the examination given on a particular date will not contain previously compromised items. In addition, the change was imposed to substantially reduce or eliminate candidates' ability to gain a score advantage by having advance access to NPTE questions. The new procedure's purpose is to ensure the validity of scores on the PTA NPTE and to protect the public. The FSBPT will switch to fixed date testing for PTAs in 2012. The state Board has addressed concerns relating to the duration of the temporary credential and potential hardship on applicants. It continues to monitor other matters relating to exam administration and license processing.
- The Board began rule writing to revise Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapters PT 7 and 8, which comprise the Board's unprofessional conduct and biennial licensing requirement rules.
- Tom Ryan attended the FSBPT's Council of Board Administrators (CBA) meeting on September 22 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Ryan was elected Chair of the Council.
- Michele Thorman and Tom Ryan attended the FSBPT annual meeting from September 22-24, 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Practice FAQs were clarified and posted on the Department's website (<http://drl.wi.gov>)
- The Board clarified by motion its position that use of ultrasound imaging is within the scope of physical therapy practice.
- The Board administered 5 PT oral exams and 1 PTA oral exam.



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<b><u>Licensing Activity</u></b>	<b><u>PT</u></b>	<b><u>PTA</u></b>
<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>Renewals</b>	<b>4747</b>	<b>1540</b>

<b><u>Enforcement Activity</u></b>	<b><u>PT and PTA</u></b>
<b>New complaints received in 2011</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Number of Respondents in the 13 cases</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Number of the 13 new cases opened</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total cases closed in 2011</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total closed at screening in 2011</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total closed after investigation in 2011</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total closed with formal action in 2011</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cases pending as of 1/12</b>	<b>4</b>